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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The applicants hereby amend the above referenced application based on the amended claims in International Application No. PCT/DE00/01778, the application from which the present application claims priority. A copy of the amended claims in the International Application and a verified translation are being submitted herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5-17.

Please add the following claims:

18. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the tracking device has a first, preferably motor transport device which moves the optical body in a first tracking direction, preferably along its main extent, preferably linearly.

